

Please cancel claims 1-7 in their entirety and insert the following new claims:

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8. In a practice ammunition projectile comprising a head designed to burst when the projectile strikes a target and to receive a marking agent optically indicating the impact after the head has burst, said marking agent contained in a burstable hood at the head of the practice projectile and comprising a plurality of chemical components each received in a separate frangible compartment, said components being mixed and reacting chemically with each other as the compartments break up, causing the optical marking reaction to be produced, the improvement wherein the compartments are adapted to be broken up by at least one of the initial acceleration and the centrifugal forces on the projectile when in use, and wherein the hood is formed of an optically transparent material to enable the trajectory of practice projectile to be tracked.

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9. Practice ammunition projectile as in claim 8, wherein the optical marking is visible in the infrared range.